

REMARKS

The application currently contains claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-33. Claims 34-46 have been withdrawn. Claims 7 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18, and 23-33 have been amended. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the invention and fix grammatical errors, logical errors and dependency errors. The amendments to claim 1 are supported by Fig. 1 and the description on pages 10-14. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 6 the Examiner states that claims 1-2, 4, 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Yuji Maeda (JP 02001168812A) and further in view of Sung-Joon Moon (WO 03/013025A1).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify the invention and explicitly point out the differences between applicants invention and the prior art.

Claim 1 includes the limitation: "wherein said central control unit is adapted to identify interference originating from an antenna device, and to instruct the coupled antenna attenuation control unit to attenuate transmissions from the interfering antenna device".

None of the prior art teach the above limitations. Therefore Admitted prior art in view of Yuji and further in view of Sung lack limitations of the claim as required by MPEP 2143.03 so the above rejection has been overcome.

As stated by the Examiner admitted prior art fails to teach a central control unit. Yuji may teach a control unit but does not teach or suggest determining the identity of an interfering antenna device and does not teach or suggest attenuating transmissions from the determined interfering antenna device.

Yuji describes determining a radio wave propagation characteristic and placing barriers with radio wave absorbing function at the appropriate positions to reduce interference.

Likewise Sung describes using phase shifters and attenuators to control the electric field intensity and phases of signals supplied to the radiation elements, thereby offsetting beam patterns (page 3 lines 21-26 and page 4 lines 1-8 and Fig. 3). Sung does not teach or suggest determining the identity of an interfering antenna device and does not teach or suggest attenuating transmissions from the determined interfering antenna device.

In paragraph 7 the Examiner states that claims 3, 5, 7-10, 12, 22 and 24-33 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Yuji Maeda (JP 02001168812A) and further in view of Sung-Joon Moon (WO 03/013025A1) and further in view of Sousa et al. (US 7,054,301).

As explained above Admitted prior art in view of Yuji and further in view of Sung lack limitations of independent claim 1. Sousa describes an outdoor wireless system and does not teach or suggest the above missing limitations. Therefore the above rejection is moot in view of the amendments to claim 1.

The patentability of the dependent claims follow at least for the reason of depending from an allowable independent claim.

In paragraph 8 the Examiner states that claims 13-21 and 23 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for this determination.

In view of the above amendments and explanations, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the claims.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-4339.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Response or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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